MENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) Docket No Applicant(s): JAY S. WALKER et al. 00-039 Customer No. Group Art Unit Confirmation No. Application No. Filing Date Examiner 09/685,079 October 6, 2000 Richard E. Chilcot 22927 3627 N/A STEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A SECURITY DEPOSIT FACILITATES A TRANSACTION IN ICH A BENEFIT IS APPLIED IN EXCHANGE FOR PERFORMANCE OF A TASK MAY 1 2 2005 **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED CLAIMS REMAINING** HIGHEST # NUMBER EXTRA **ADDITIONAL** RATE PREV. PAID FOR AFTER AMENDMENT CLAIMS PRESENT FEE \$25.00 TOTAL CLAIMS 38 37 1 х \$25.00 INDEP. CLAIMS 4 5 \$100.00 \$500.00 Х \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$525.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT No additional fee is required for amendment. XPlease charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$525.00 A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: May 9, 2005

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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005 (Paper No. 20050202)

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005 (Paper No. 20050202), please consider the following remarks.

This document is filed by Applicants' representative on behalf of the present Applicants for patent. Accordingly, references in this document to "we," "us," "our," and the like will be understood as indicating the present Applicants.